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Dear Sir:

Applicants believe that the time to respond to the Notice of Non-Compliant
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extension but if there is a fee, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fee from the undersigned's deposit account as set forth in the enclosed transmittal letter.

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